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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 14th December 1938

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort Saint George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. DR. U. RAMA RAO) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Standardization of weights and measures.

* 97 *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that offences on a large scale in connexion with weights and measures are being committed in this Province;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representations to take steps to stop the commission of offences by standardizing weights and measures; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any proposal before them to bring in a Weights and Measures Bill and if so, when?

THE HON. SRI V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—" (*a*) Complaints to this effect have been received by Government.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) There is no proposal at present. Under the Government of India Act, 1935, the Central Government alone have power to legislate for the establishment of standards of weight while the Provincial Government are competent to legislate with regard to weights and measures. Unless the Central Government first move in the matter and legislate for the purpose, the Provincial Government cannot undertake legislation within their competence for enforcing uniform weights. The Government of India propose to undertake legislation defining the standards of weight in British India and it is expected that the necessary Bill on the subject would be introduced in the Central Legislature at an early date."

MR. PRESIDENT:—" Question No. 98, Mr. Saldanha."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" I want to put a supplementary question to question No. 97."

MR. PRESIDENT:—" The hon. Member must have risen before I called on Mr. Saldanha."